



**NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**  
DIVISION OF FACILITY SERVICES • DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

***Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN); EMS Physician Assistant (EMS-PA); EMS Nurse Practitioner (EMS-NP) Orientation***

**MICN/EMS-PA/EMS-NP ORIENTATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

1. The MICN/EMS-PA/EMS-NP orientation program must be conducted by an approved Basic or Model EMS System or an approved Educational Institution as defined in the rules of the NC Medical Care Commission.
2. The MICN/EMS-PA/EMS-NP orientation program must be conducted under the direction of the EMS System medical director.
3. The curriculum for the MICN/EMS-PA/EMS-NP orientation educational program shall include the following components, as defined by the rules of the NC Medical Care Commission:
  - a discussion of all EMS system treatment protocols.
  - an explanation of the specific scope of practice for each EMS level, as authorized by the approved treatment protocols.
  - a discussion of EMS system practice settings and how scope of practice may differ in each setting.
  - a mechanism to assess the student's ability to effectively use EMS system communications equipment including hospital and prehospital devices, EMS communication protocols, and communications contingency plans as related to on-line medical direction.
  - a scope of practice evaluation administered under the direction of the EMS System medical director.
4. The EMS System or Educational Institution must maintain all student records that document:
  - a. Appropriate licenses and approvals as required in the student prerequisites.
  - b. Student attendance in the classroom, and any clinical or field internship components of the orientation program.
  - c. Successful completion of all components of the program, including scope-of-practice evaluation check sheets.

**MICN/EMS-PA/EMS-NP STUDENT PREREQUISITES**

1. Current license as a registered nurse with the State of North Carolina or current license and approval as a physician assistant or nurse practitioner with the North Carolina Medical Board.
2. Although not required, MICN/EMS-PA/EMS-NP students should have the following education and experience:
  - a. two years emergency or critical care experience.
  - b. successful completion of advanced emergency care courses, such as ACLS, PEPP or TNCC, or the equivalent.

## **SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMPONENT**

The scope of practice performance evaluation is scenario-based and must be consistent with the requirements detailed in the OEMS *Technical Scope of Practice Performance Evaluations* document.

## **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR AN MICN/EMS-PA/EMS-NP PROGRAM**

Although MICN/EMS-PA/EMS-NP orientation course approval is not required, a copy of the course outline must be kept on file locally for compliance monitoring by the OEMS. Technical assistance to conduct an MICN/EMS-PA/EMS-NP orientation program may be provided by the OEMS regional office.

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## **ORDERING INFORMATION**

Forms and documents referenced in this curriculum guideline are available through links at the OEMS web site:

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